

John A. Anderson is pictured with the two achievement awards which he was presented at the recent dinner honoring his service.

John Anderson Receives 2 Achievement Awards

A surprise celebration on his 73rd birthday honored John Anderson at The Homestead in mid-May. The resort dining room was jammed with friends of the community leader who came from all over the state to join in paying him tribute.

Clyde Broadbent was master of ceremonies for the evening. Following dinner Heber Rasband gave an account of Anderson's long life in detail, and Storm McDonald, as a friend of long acquaintance, addressed the gathering.

Mr. Anderson received two certificates of appreciation; one from his friends in Heber Valley and another from the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Special guests included General Maxwell Rich of the Utah National Guard, who attended as a personal representative of Governor George Clyde and as such read a letter from the governor who expressed his regrets at not being able to attend.

Wes Hamilton, secretary of the Utah Council of Retailers and vice president of Walker Bank and Trust Company, came as a representative of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce. Also represented were the Provo and Ogden Chambers of Commerce. Morgan Sorensen, president of the Utah Council of Retailers, was present, as were representatives of the wholesale hardware industry, all male members of the Anderson family and a host of friends and associates from Wasatch County.

John Anderson was born in Heber and attended schools there until he was 13. For the next seven years he lived with the H. F. Watson family in Charleston and attended Charleston Schools. Later he took a three-year business course at the BYU and in the fall of 1906 launched a business career with A. Hatch and Company, an old established business in the community.

In 1915 when the company's charter expired, Anderson organized and sold stock in a brand new business which was christened the Heber Exchange. For the next 20 years he managed the company.

In 1936 from the heirs of a brother who had passed away he purchased a pool hall and restaurant. The restaurant became Anderson's first hardware store and later the billiard parlor was closed to make room for the expanding business.

During his busy career Anderson has had the time for an active community life. He served two terms as city councilman and was president of the Light and Power Board at the time the power plant

after closing down. He acted as County

board as president for four years.

During World War I he served as secretary and later president of the Wasatch Red Cross. He was president of the Heber Boosters Club for three years and in World War II was chairman of the county ward bond committee and also served on the draft board.

Anderson was one of the organizers and the first president of the Wasatch Chamber of Commerce, an organization in which he is still active. He is the only charter member of the Heber Lions Club still active in the organization.

Church duties have include Supt. of the Heber Third Ward Sunday School, membership in Bishopric of that ward and superintendent of the YMMIA of Wasatch Stake for four years.

Anderson served for two years as president of the Intermountain Hardware and Implement Dealers Association. For ten years he was president and director of the Utah Council of Retailers and is still active on the board. He resigned this winter as director of the National Retail Farm Equipment Association after a term which extended to 12 years.